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This does not include hundreds of deaths that occurred among certain troops sent back to Spain on the 10th, 20th, and 30th of every month in the last stage of the different diseases enumerated above. Having observed those departures from Habana, I can safely say that 10 per cent of the 30,000 invalided home were destined to an early and positive death. These enormous death rates, it must be remembered, occurred in an army which at no time was properly cared for; badly clothed and badly fed, exposed to all the dangers of a tropical climate, they succumbed easily.

Much can be learned by the experience of the Spanish army of the past three years in Cuba. Given proper clothing, food, and medical care, our death rate should be less than half of theirs. Even the death rate from yellow fever can be materially lessened if an army of occupation is necessary during the coming summer.

With careful consideration of the subsistence supplies, proper clothing, modern camp sanitation, and revaccination against smallpox, the mortality rate of the Spanish army can be reduced 50 per cent.

Respectfully, yours,

W. F. BRUNNER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.—(Continued).

MOBILE, ALA., April 22, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 2 cases of smallpox have been sent to the pesthouse during the past week, both in colored railroad hands from the country. The disease appears to have entirely ceased in this city.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company has engaged the exclusive services of Dr. G. H. Fonde whose duty is to discover all cases between here and Montgomery and have them cared for and to vaccinate all train hands and railroad laborers. He has 9 new cases under treatment at Hurricane Bayou.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Charleston, S. C.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 22, 1898.

SIR: I have to report that a case of smallpox has been discovered by the city health authorities in this city. Patient, a white male, came from Columbia, S. C., a few days ago. He has been separated, and all precautions taken by the local authorities to prevent spreading of the disease.

Respectfully,

JNO. VANSANT,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Cases of smallpox in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, KY., April 22, 1898.

SIR: Referring to the case of varioloid at this station, reported on the 16th instant, I have the honor to state that the city health officer, Dr. Allen, saw the case with me, and we reached the conclusion that it was best to treat it in the isolation ward belonging to this reservation. The case is progressing favorably.

It was necessary to employ a nurse so that all communication with